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--AND NOW HE'S
BEING RE-BORN--

YOU
KILLED
HIM, RED--

-- BUT INTO
WHAT!?



NASSER
J. Adams

FOUR MEN WHO HAVE
DEFIED DEATH, WHO
LIVE ON BORROWED
TIME--WILLING TO TAKE
ANY RISK, NO MATTER
WHAT THE DANGER:
FOUR MEN WHO ARE
MORE THAN MEN--

CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN



**ACE
MORGAN**

FORMER TEST PILOT--
NOW LEADER OF
THE CHALLENGERS!



**ROCKY
DAVIS**

ONETIME CHAMPION
HEAVYWEIGHT
WRESTLER!



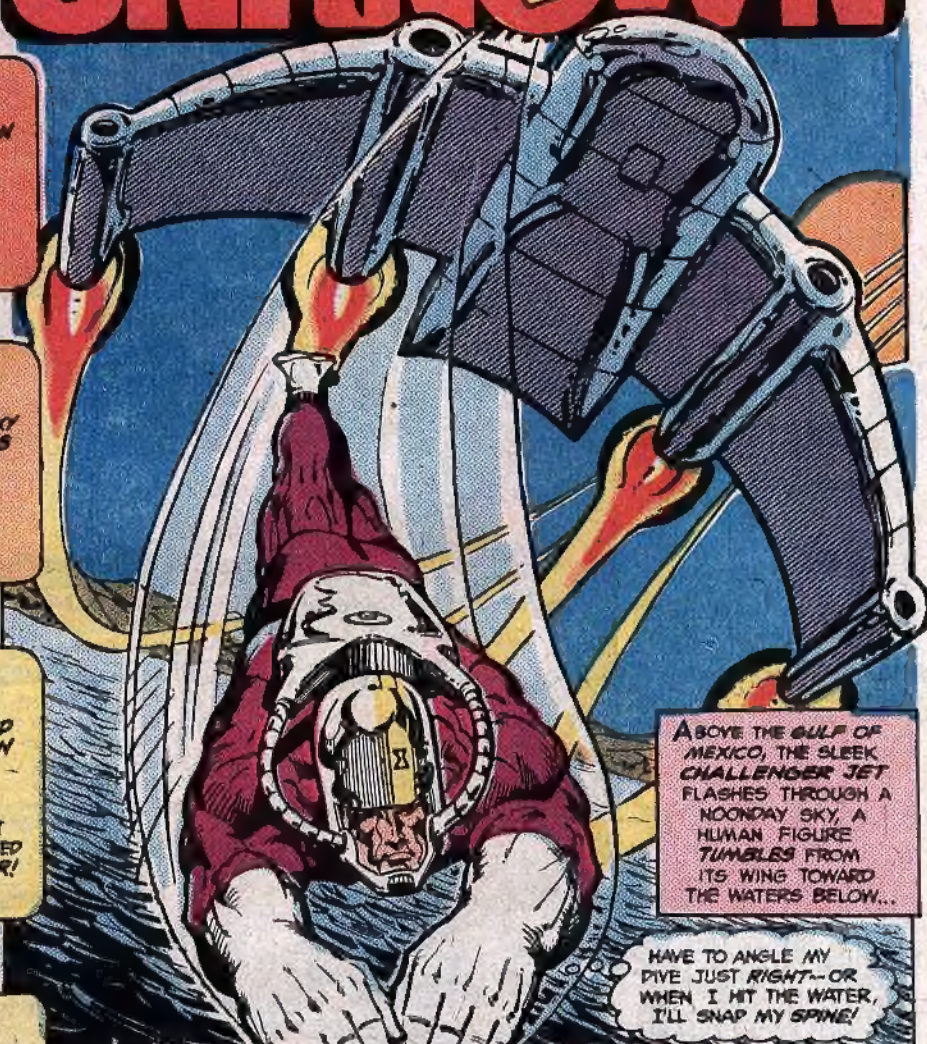
**RED
RYAN**

ELECTRONICS EXPERT
AND WORLD RENOWNED
MOUNTAIN EXPLORER!



**PROF
HALEY**

SCIENTIFIC GENIUS
AND DEEPSEA DIVER
INTO--THE UNKNOWN!



ABOVE THE GULF OF
MEXICO, THE SLEEK
CHALLENGER JET
FLASHES THROUGH A
NOONDAY SKY, A
HUMAN FIGURE
TUMBLES FROM
ITS WING TOWARD
THE WATERS BELOW...

HAVE TO ANGLE MY
PIVE JUST RIGHT--OR
WHEN I HIT THE WATER,
I'LL SNAP MY SPINE!

ALREADY, THEIR
NAMES ARE LEGEND...
YET TODAY THAT LEGEND
WILL BE TESTED TO
DESTRUCTION, AS THE
CHALLENGERS CONFRONT
THEIR DEADLIEST FOE, IN
A STRUGGLE WHICH COULD
END... IN HOLOCAUST!

Multi-Man's Master plan

THE MAN'S
NAME IS
PROF
HALEY, AND,
IN CASE YOU
HAVEN'T
REALIZED IT--

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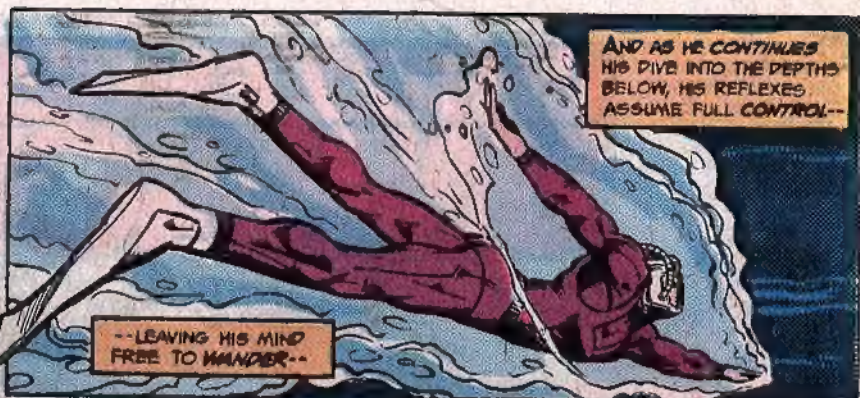
--HE'S A CHALLENGER
OF THE UNKNOWN!



WITH THE SKILL AND
GRACE ONLY CONSTANT
TRAINING CAN PROVIDE,
PROF. HALBY COMPLETES
HIS DIVE, CLEAVING THE
WATER LIKE A HOT
KNIFE THROUGH BUTTER..



AND AS HE CONTINUES
HIS DIVE INTO THE DEPTHS
BELOW, HIS REFLEXES
ASSUME FULL CONTROL--



--LEAVING HIS MIND
FREE TO WANDER--

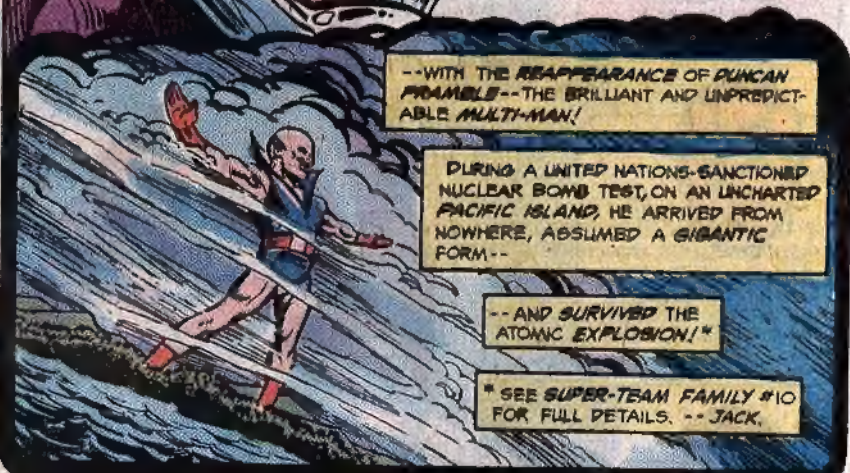
--AND TO EXAMINE THE EVENTS
WHICH HAVE BROUGHT HIM
TO THIS PLACE, GIVING HIM AN
ASSIGNMENT HE MUST PER-
FORM ALONE.



HIS THOUGHTS ARE NOT
PLEASANT ONES, AND
NEITHER ARE HIS MEMORIES..

ALMOST UNWILLINGLY, HE
REMEMBERS HOW IT ALL
BEGAN, LESS THAN SEVENTY
HOURS AGO--

--WITH THE REAPPEARANCE OF DUNCAN
PRAMBLE--THE BRILLIANT AND UNPREDICT-
ABLE MULTI-MAN!

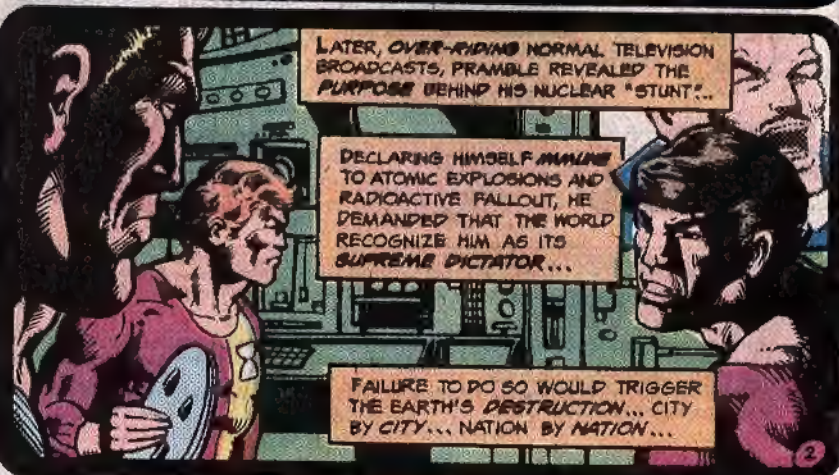


DURING A UNITED NATIONS-SANCTIONED
NUCLEAR BOMB TEST, ON AN UNCHARTED
PACIFIC ISLAND, HE ARRIVED FROM
NOWHERE, ASSUMED A GIGANTIC
FORM--

-- AND SURVIVED THE
ATOMIC EXPLOSION!*

* SEE SUPER-TEAM FAMILY #10
FOR FULL DETAILS. -- JACK.

LATER, OVER-RIDING NORMAL TELEVISION
BROADCASTS, PRAMBLE REVEALED THE
PURPOSE BEHIND HIS NUCLEAR "STUNT"...



DECLARING HIMSELF ANNIHIL-
ATOR TO ATOMIC EXPLOSIONS AND
RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT, HE
DEMANDED THAT THE WORLD
RECOGNIZE HIM AS ITS
SUPREME DICTATOR...

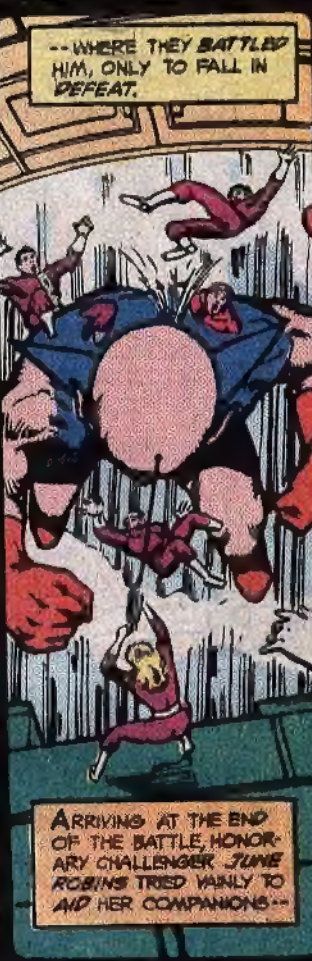
FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD TRIGGER
THE EARTH'S DESTRUCTION... CITY
BY CITY... NATION BY NATION...



IT WAS THE DEMAND OF A MADMAN, BUT APPARENTLY MULTI-MAN HAD THE POWER AND THE WILL TO CARRY IT OFF...

THROUGH REDUCTION THE CHALLENGERS DISCOVERED THAT FRAMBLE LACKED ONLY A FEW COMPONENTS TO FINISH BUILDING HIS WORLD-DESTROYER--

--AND USING THIS KNOWLEDGE, THEY TRACKED MULTI-MAN TO A WEST COAST FACTORY--



--WHERE THEY BATTLED HIM, ONLY TO FALL IN DEFEAT.

ARRIVING AT THE END OF THE BATTLE, HONORARY CHALLENGER JUNE ROBINS TRIED VAINLY TO AID HER COMPANIONS--



--FALLING, AS THEY HAD FAILED!



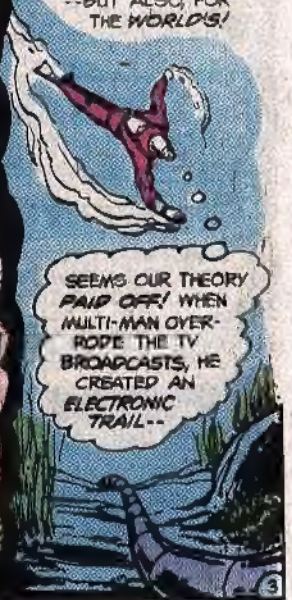
FOR REASONS WHICH REMAIN OBSCURE, MULTI-MAN DID NOT KILL THE DEFEATED CHALLENGERS, PREFERRING TO MOCK THEM BY TAKING JUNE HOSTAGE...

WITH A HOLOGRAM PROJECTION, HE CONTACTED THE HEROES AND TOLD THEM NOT TO INTERFERE WITH HIS PLANS--

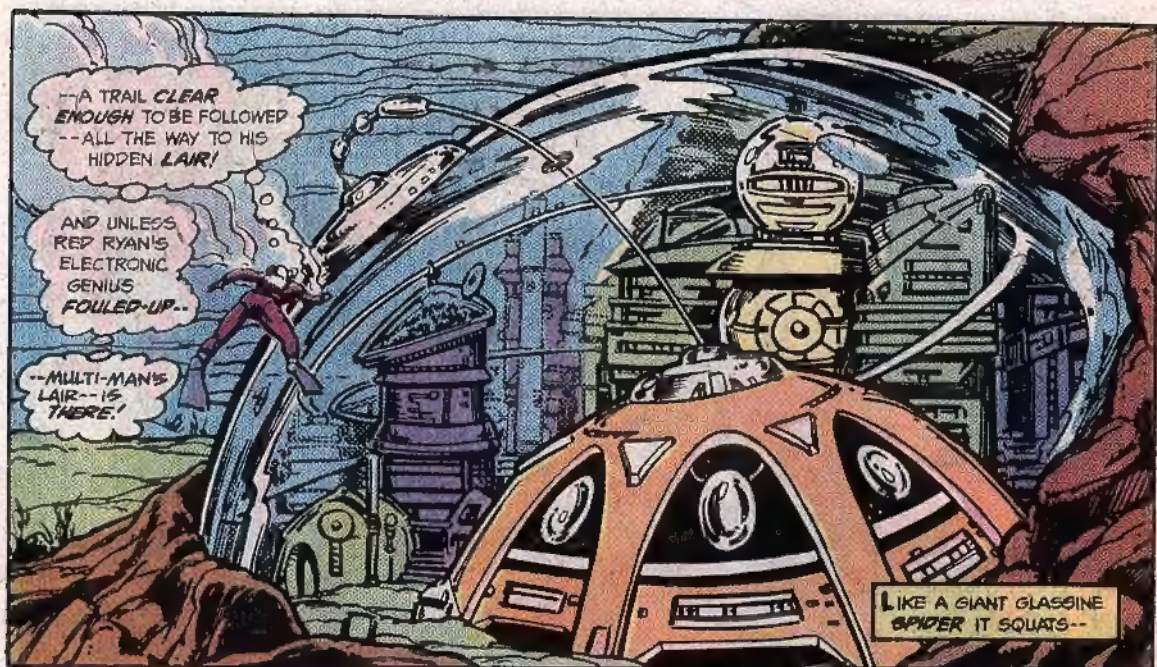
--OR JUNE WOULD DIE! CLEARLY, THE CHALLENGERS HAD NO CHOICE--

--THEY WOULD HAVE TO FIND MULTI-MAN... AND CRUSH HIM, NOT ONLY FOR JUNE'S SAKE--

--BUT ALSO, FOR THE WORLD'S!



SEEMS OUR THEORY PAID OFF! WHEN MULTI-MAN OVER-RODE THE TV BROADCASTS, HE CREATED AN ELECTRONIC TRAIL--



ELSEWHERE



CONTINUED ON 3RD PAGE FOLLOWING

FROM THE GULF OF MEXICO
TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
BY JET IT'S A GOOD
THREE HOURS...

...BUT, BY THE CHALLENGERS'
SPECIALLY-BUILT SST,* THE
TRIP TAKES BARELY
SEVENTY MINUTES!

*SUPER-SONIC
TRANSPORT.
--JACK

HEADS UP, GUYS...COMPANY!

CHALLENGERS, THANK
THE LORD YOU'RE HERE!
I'VE BEEN BURNING THE
WIRES TO WASHINGTON
FOR ALMOST AN HOUR--!

YOU'VE GOT TO
STOP THAT MAN
--OR WE'LL
ALL DIE!

WHOA,
COLONEL...

...WHAT MAN?

THE GIANT WHO'S
THROWN UP SOME
SORT OF FORCE FIELD
AROUND THE NUCLEAR
POWER PLANT
OUTSIDE LOS
ANGELES!

ISN'T THAT
WHY YOU'RE
HERE? DEAR
LORD, IF THERE'S
BEEN A SHAFU...

RELAX,
COLONEL...

*HIGHLY TECHNICAL MILITARY TERM
REFERRING TO "FOUL UP."--JOE

WE WERE COMING HERE ON OUR
OWN... BUT SINCE OUR PROBLEMS
COINCIDE, WE MIGHT AS WELL
JOIN FORCES!

YOU HEARD THE MAN,
CORPORAL! THIS IS
ARMY PRIORITY A--

MOVE!

WITH A ROAR OF MESHING
GEARS, THE JEEP SCREAMS
GATEWARD--

-- TAKING THE QUICK ROUTE
CROSS-COUNTRY, THE
CHALLENGERS HALT AT
THE SLOPE OF A SECLUDED
MOUNTAIN RANGE SOUTH
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY--

COLONEL--A
HIDDEN NUCLEAR
REACTOR--THIS CLOSE
TO THE CITY?

IT'S THE MOST
ADVANCED REACTOR
IN THE SECRET
GOVERNMENT PROJECT...

IF ANYTHING
HAPPENS TO IT...
THE RADIATION COULD
WIPE OUT SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA!



COLONEL--IT'S INSANITY PLACING AN EXPERIMENTAL REACTOR HERE, SO CLOSE TO PEOPLE...

PREACH LATER, FLYBOY-- WE GOTTA HEAR ABOUT THIS GIANT THE COLONEL MENTIONED...

IT-IT JUST CAME OUT OF NOWHERE--WALKING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN-- RIGHT THROUGH OUR BARRAGE--

ACCORDING TO MY EQUIPMENT, IT'S A FIELD OF NEGATIVELY CHARGED PROTONS...

...AND, MEN, AS FAR AS SCIENCE KNOWS... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

ANY WAY TO BREAK THROUGH IT, RED?

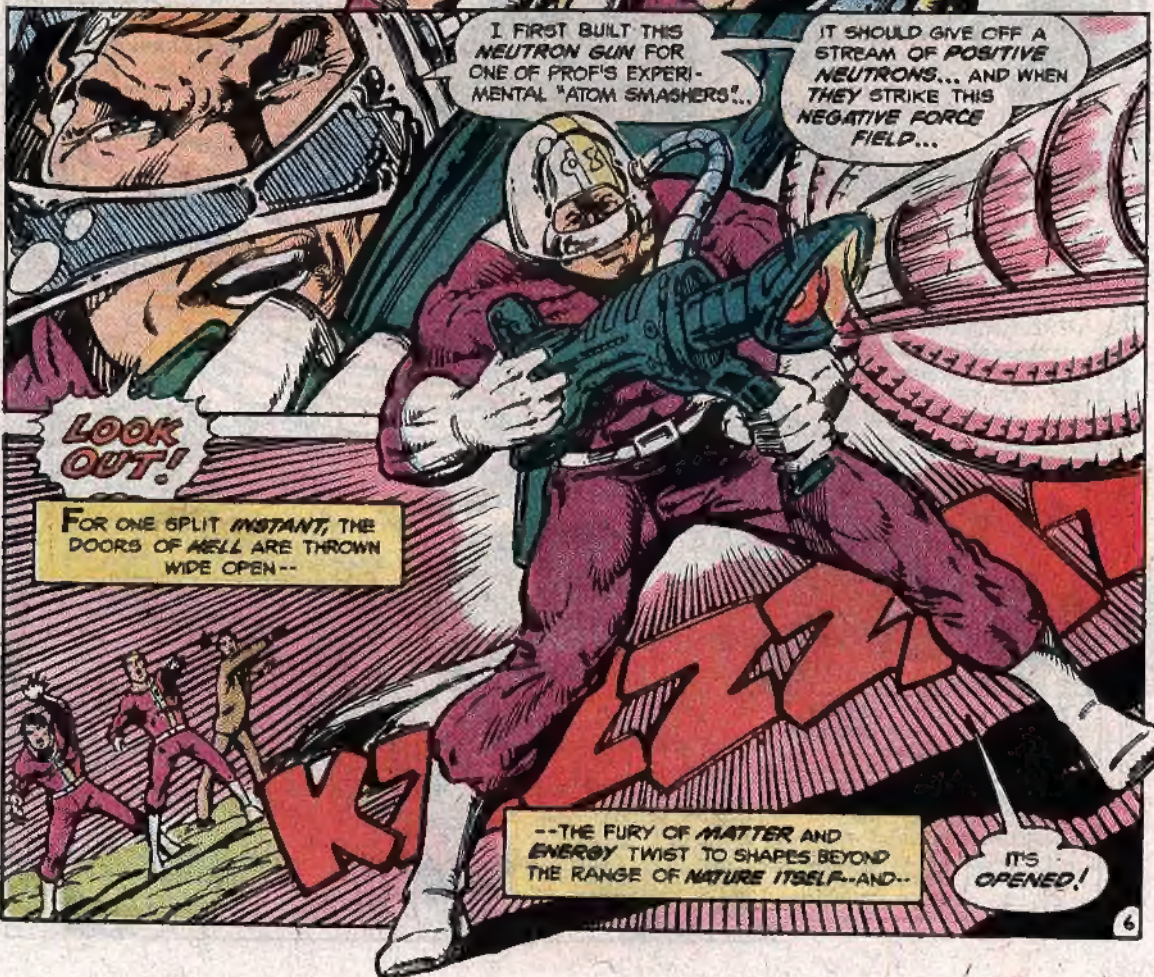


--LIKE A--A GHOST!

A GHOST, EH? THAT SURE SOUNDS LIKE MULTI-MAN.

HEY, CARROT-HEAD-- WHAT'RE YOU DOIN'?

CHECKING THIS FORCE FIELD..



I FIRST BUILT THIS NEUTRON GUN FOR ONE OF PROF'S EXPERIMENTAL "ATOM SMASHERS"...

IT SHOULD GIVE OFF A STREAM OF POSITIVE NEUTRONS... AND WHEN THEY STRIKE THIS NEGATIVE FORCE FIELD...

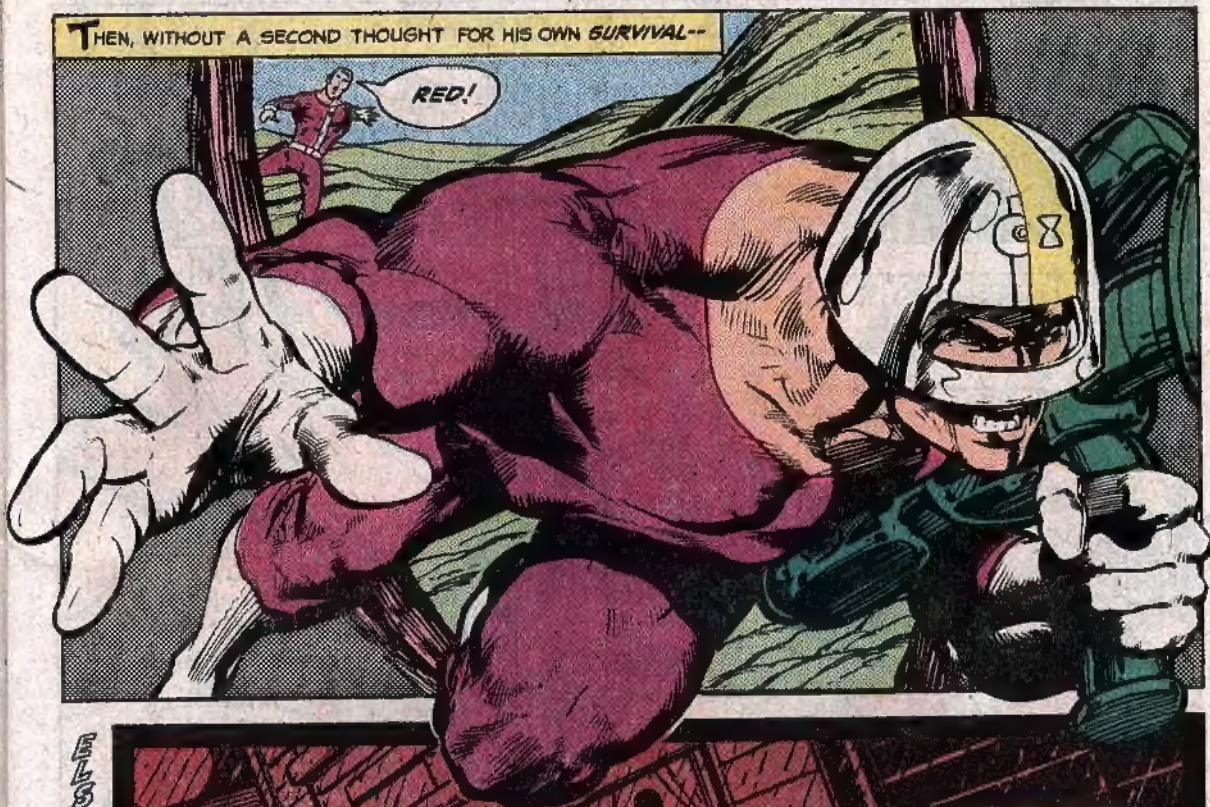
LOOK OUT!

FOR ONE SPLIT INSTANT, THE DOORS OF HELL ARE THROWN WIDE OPEN--

--THE FURY OF MATTER AND ENERGY TWIST TO SHAPES BEYOND THE RANGE OF NATURE ITSELF--AND--

IT'S OPENED!

THEN, WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT FOR HIS OWN SURVIVAL--



ELSEWHERE

THE PEOPLE
WAIT...

FROM THE DEPTH OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS,
PROF. HALEY SWIMS UPWARD TO THE
LIGHT... STRUGGLING AGAINST WEARINESS...



...FORCING HIS WAY UPWARD TO AN
AWARENESS OF SOMETHING *SOFT*
BENEATH HIS CHEEK, OF HANDS ON
HIS *BROW*...

...AWARENESS OF...



JUNE!

YOU'RE FREE--
AND YOU'RE
ALIVE!

OF COURSE, PROF...
IF YOU CAN CALL
THIS *FREE*.

WE'RE *PRISONERS*,
BOTH OF US...

AND THERE'S
ABSOLUTELY *NOTHING*
WE CAN DO ABOUT IT!



JUNE, THAT'S A PHILOSOPHY I STOPPED BELIEVING A LONG TIME AGO--

--WHEN I WALKED AWAY FROM WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A FATAL PLANE CRASH!

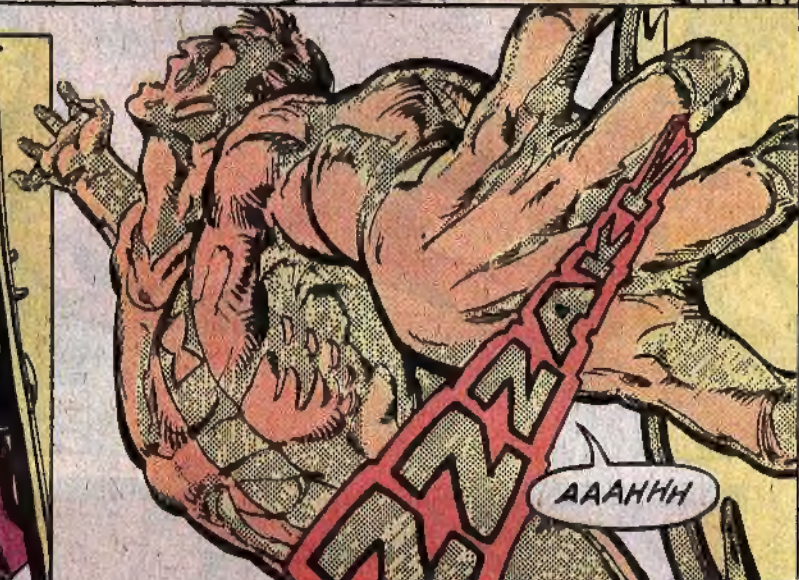
THERE-- AN AIRLOCK!

PROF, LISTEN TO ME--

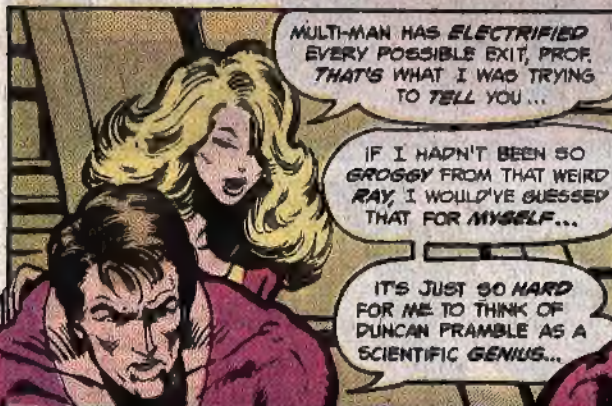


WITHOUT SCUBA GEAR, YOU COULDN'T ESCAPE-- BUT WITH MY GEAR, WE CAN BOTH BREAK FREE--

PROF, STOP!



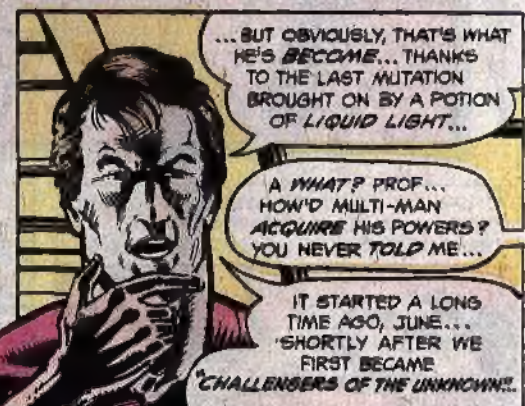
AAAHHH



MULTI-MAN HAS ELECTRIFIED EVERY POSSIBLE EXIT, PROF. THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO TELL YOU ...

IF I HADN'T BEEN SO GROSSY FROM THAT WEIRD RAY, I WOULD'VE GUESSED THAT FOR MYSELF ...

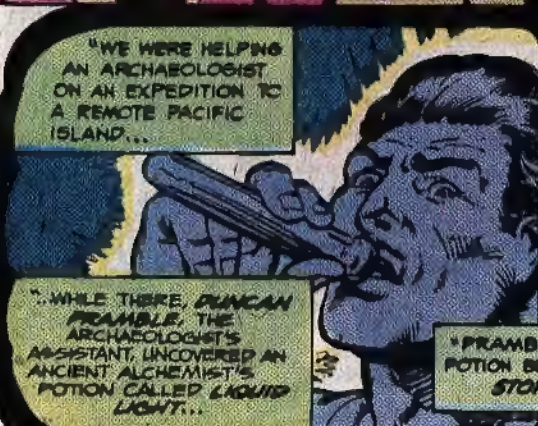
IT'S JUST SO HARD FOR ME TO THINK OF DUNCAN PRAMBLE AS A SCIENTIFIC GENIUS...



... BUT OBVIOUSLY, THAT'S WHAT HE'S BECOME... THANKS TO THE LAST MUTATION BROUGHT ON BY A POTION OF LIQUID LIGHT...

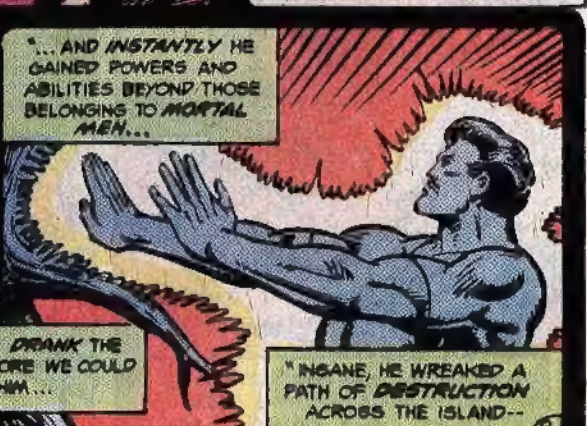
A WHAT? PROF... HOW'D MULTI-MAN ACQUIRE HIS POWERS? YOU NEVER TOLD ME...

IT STARTED A LONG TIME AGO, JUNE... SHORTLY AFTER WE FIRST BECAME "CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN..."



"WE WERE HELPING AN ARCHAEOLOGIST ON AN EXPEDITION TO A REMOTE PACIFIC ISLAND...

"...WHILE THERE, DUNCAN PRAMBLE, THE ARCHAEOLOGIST'S ASSISTANT, UNCOVERED AN ANCIENT ALCHEMIST'S POTION CALLED LIQUID LIGHT..."



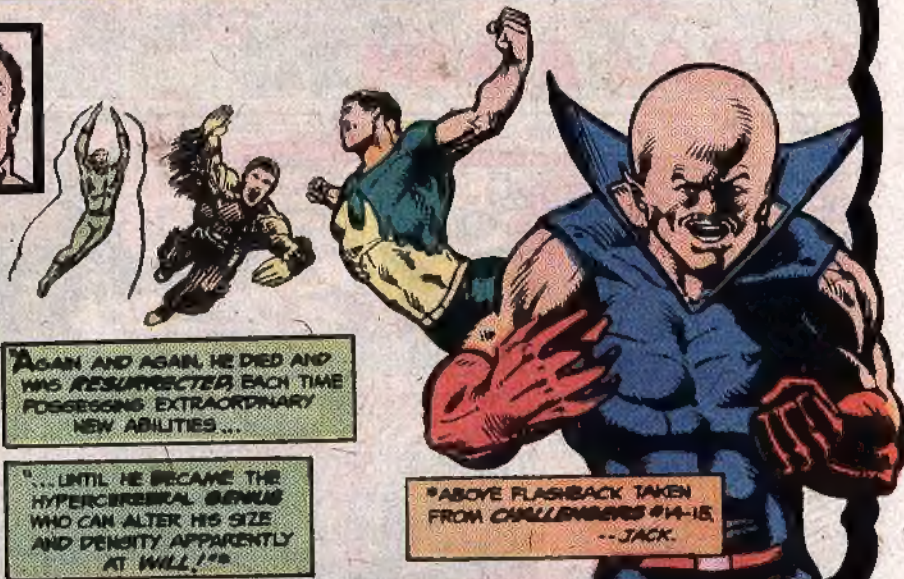
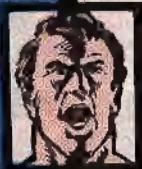
"... AND INSTANTLY HE GAINED POWERS AND ABILITIES BEYOND THOSE BELONGING TO MORTAL MEN..."

"PRAMBLE DRANK THE POTION BEFORE WE COULD STOP HIM..."

"INSANE, HE WRECKED A PATH OF DESTRUCTION ACROSS THE ISLAND--"

"--WHICH APPEARED TO END AS HE LEAPT TO HIS DEATH FROM A SEASIDE CLIFF.

"UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO THE PECULIAR PROPERTIES OF THE LIQUID LIGHT POTION, PRAMBLE WAS IMMEDIATELY REBORN-- AS A NEW CREATURE WITH NEW POWERS--



"AGAIN AND AGAIN, HE DIED AND WAS RESURRECTED, EACH TIME POSSESSING EXTRAORDINARY NEW ABILITIES...

"...UNTIL HE BECAME THE HYPERCEREBRAL GENIUS WHO CAN ALTER HIS SIZE AND DENSITY APPARENTLY AT WILL!"

"ABOVE FLASHBACK TAKEN FROM CHALLENGERS #14-15
--JACK.

THAT'S--THAT'S HORRIBLE! HOW CAN WE EVER HOPE TO DEFEAT HIM?

I DON'T KNOW, JUNE... BUT I PROMISE YOU THIS...

I'M SURE GONNS TO TRY!

THE MAN WAITS...

GOTTA GET INSIDE... BEFORE MULTI-MAN REALIZES... I'M HERE...

GOT TO... I'VE GOT TO!

AROUND HIM, THE VERY FORCES OF HELL RAGE UNCHECKED--BUT RED RYAN PAYS THEM NO HEED, DUCKING HIS HEAD AND RACING FROM THE FORCE FIELD TO THE REACTOR--

SHOULDER DOWN, RED RYAN LAUNCHES HIMSELF LIKE A QUARTERBACK DIVING IN A TACKLE...

GRAAAASH

DIE, CHALLENGER! DIE!

CLOSE! THAT DISH-THING MUST BE THE DEVICE HE'S USING TO OVERLOAD THE REACTOR--

--AND JUDGING BY ITS EFFECT ON THE WALL, IT'S NASTY--

--TOO NASTY TO LET HIM KEEP IT!

UUUNHHH

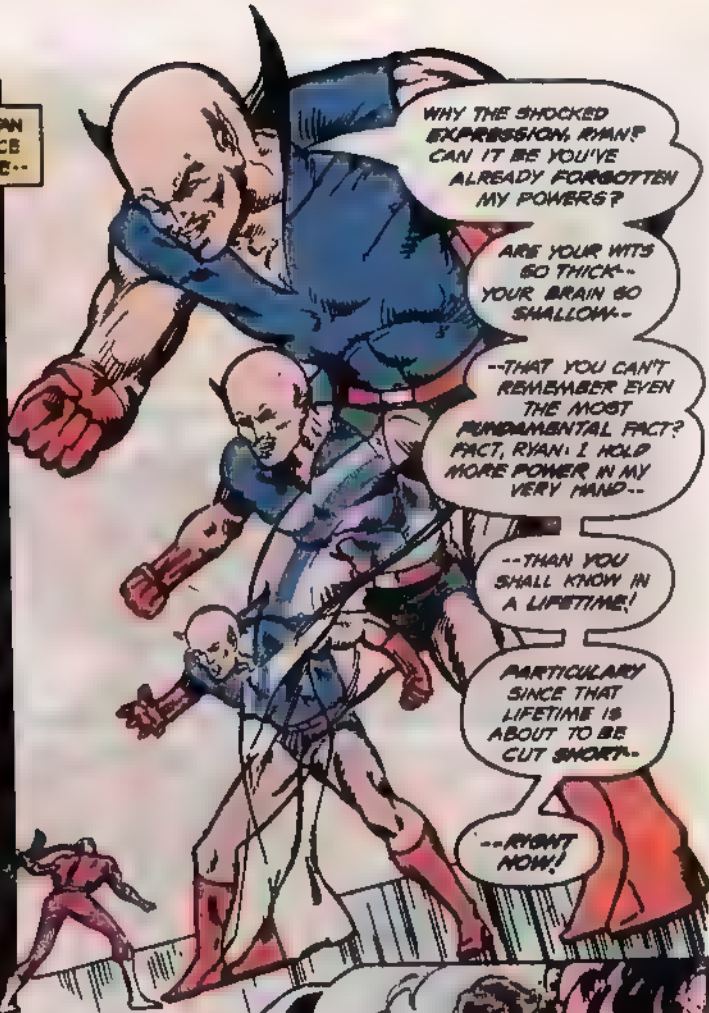
GIVE ME THAT, YOU DUMBLING FOOL! THAT DEVICE REPRESENTS MONTHS OF STUDY AND DESIGN!

GIVE IT TO ME-- NOW!

UGLY, I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK!

FOR THE BAREST MOMENT, RED RYAN TURNS HIS ATTENTION TO THE DEVICE IN HIS HAND, ONLY A MOMENT, TRUE--

--BUT WHEN HE LOOKS BACK AT THE WEAPON'S CREATOR--



WHY THE SHOCKED EXPRESSION, RYAN? CAN IT BE YOU'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN MY POWERS?

ARE YOUR WITS SO THICK-- YOUR BRAIN SO SHALLOW--

--THAT YOU CAN'T REMEMBER EVEN THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL FACT? FACT, RYAN: I HOLD MORE POWER IN MY VERY HAND--

--THAN YOU SHALL KNOW IN A LIFETIME!

PARTICULARLY SINCE THAT LIFETIME IS ABOUT TO BE CUT SHORT--

--RIGHT NOW!

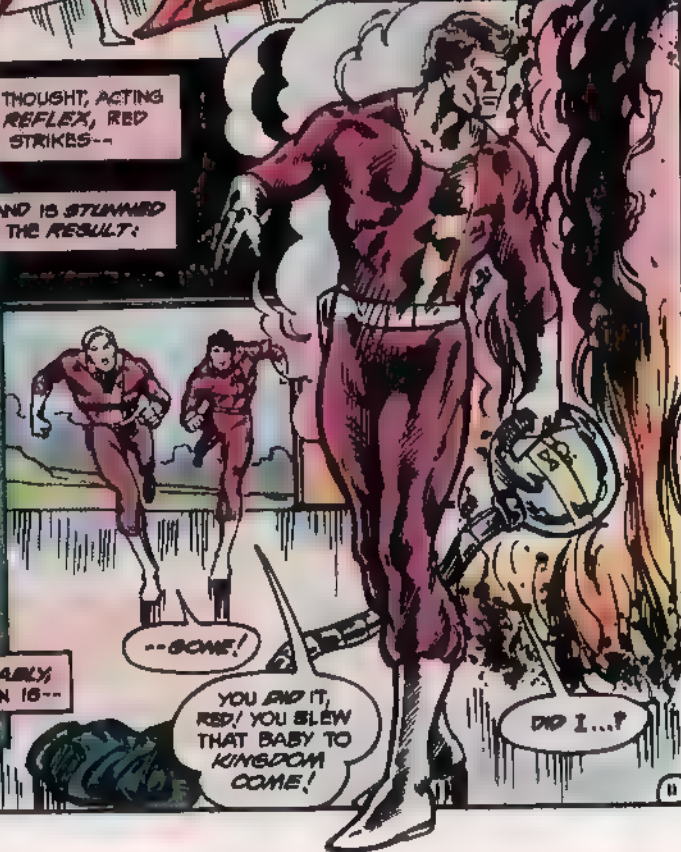
WITHOUT THOUGHT, ACTING BY PURE REFLEX, RED RYAN STRIKES--

--AND IS STUNNED AT THE RESULT:

NO!

THOOM

INEXPLICABLY, MULTI-MAN IS--



--GONE!

YOU DID IT, RED! YOU BLEW THAT BABY TO KINGDOM COME!

DID I...?

HUH? WHAT'RE
YOU TALKIN'
ABOUT, COLONEL?

THEY REPORT
THEY'RE UNDER ATTACK--
RIGHT NOW--

...BY MULTI-MAN!

THE WAITING... ENDS.

TAKE THE GIRL
OUTSIDE... AND
WAIT FOR ME BY
THE CHURCH.

I'LL JOIN YOU...
AFTER I GET
THE BOOK.

**AT CHALLENGER MOUNTAIN, THE
WINDS ARE THE WINDS OF SUMMER
... WARM AND FRESH, CARRYING
THE SCENT OF LIFE...**

BLAST THEM! JUST BECAUSE
I'M RICH, THEY THINK I'M A FOOL.

THAT'S WHY THEY WON'T
LET ME JOIN THEIR PETTY
LITTLE PRIDE CLUB.

... AND THAT'S WHY THEY
RAN OFF TO FIND JUNE...
WITHOUT ME!

WELL, WE'LL JUST
SEE ABOUT THAT...

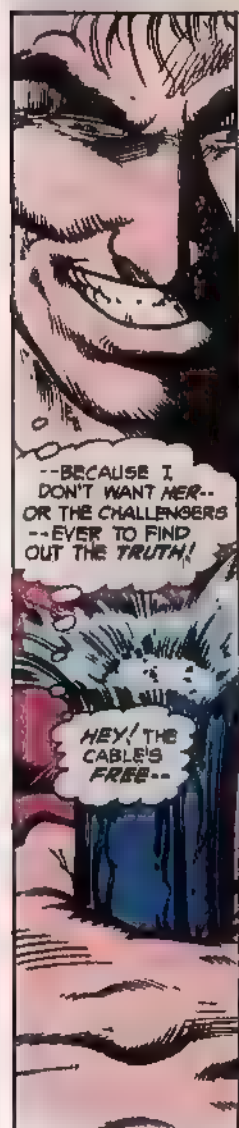
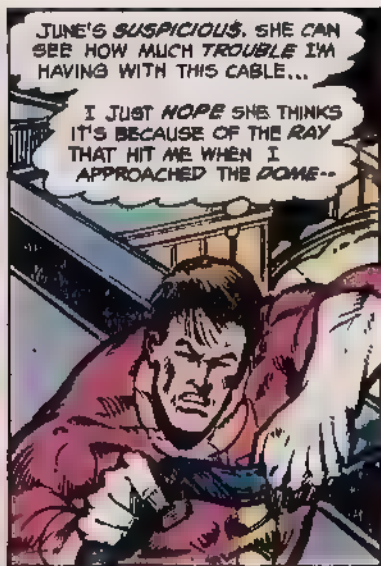
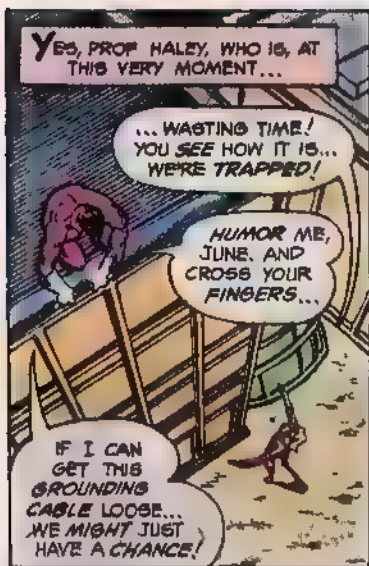
I'M GOING TO WAIT
HERE TILL THEY RETURN,
AND WHEN THEY DO I'LL

EN? WHAT'S
THIS ON THAT
CONSOLE...

TO A PHILOSOPHICAL MAN, THE
WINDS WOULD BE RENEWING

TO BAYLORD CLAYBORNE,
THE WINDS ARE MERELY
ANNOYING

A MEDICAL REPORT...
ON PROF...?



THE BEAST WHICH IS THE MACHINE AROUND THEM HEAVES IN ITS DEATH-THROES... SCREAMS IN ITS FINAL AGONY...

... AND DIES.

THE FOLLOWING SILENCE... IS DREAFFING.



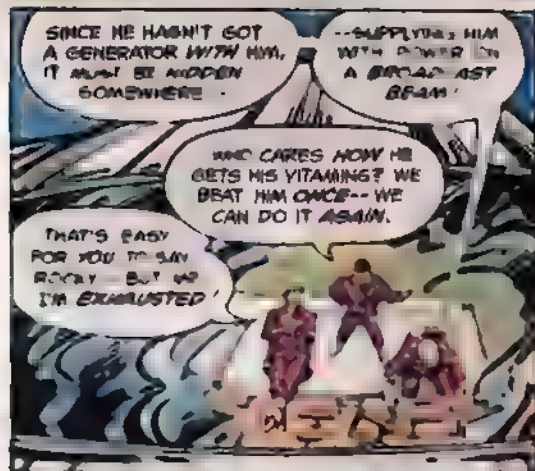


EXACTLY TEN MINUTES AGO, HIGH OVER MOUNTAINOUS DENVER, COLORADO.

I JUST WANT TO LIVE IT RED! HEY! MAN'S GOT THE POWER! NEVER INCLUDED TELEPORTATION!

HE MUST MUST HAVE DEIGNED A MECHANICAL TELEPORTER

BUT FOR A GADGET LIKE THAT, HE'D NEED A MILLION-KILOWATT GENERATOR JUST TO SUPPLY ITS POWER!



SINCE HE HASN'T GOT A GENERATOR WITH HIM, IT MUST BE HIDDEN SOMEWHERE.

--SUPPLYING HIM WITH POWER ON A BROADCAST BEAM!

WHO CARES NOW HE GETS HIS VITAMINS? WE BEAT HIM ONCE-- WE CAN DO IT AGAIN.

THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, ROCKY-- BUT WE I'M EXHAUSTED!



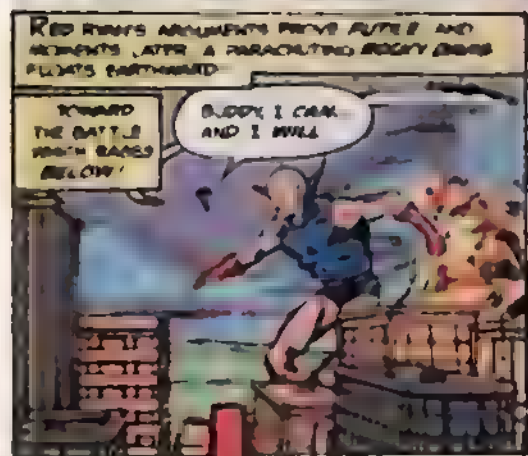
SO WHO NEEDS YOU?

LIKE YOU SAID, RED-- YOU'RE BEAT.

THIS ONE'S ON ME.

HEIN?

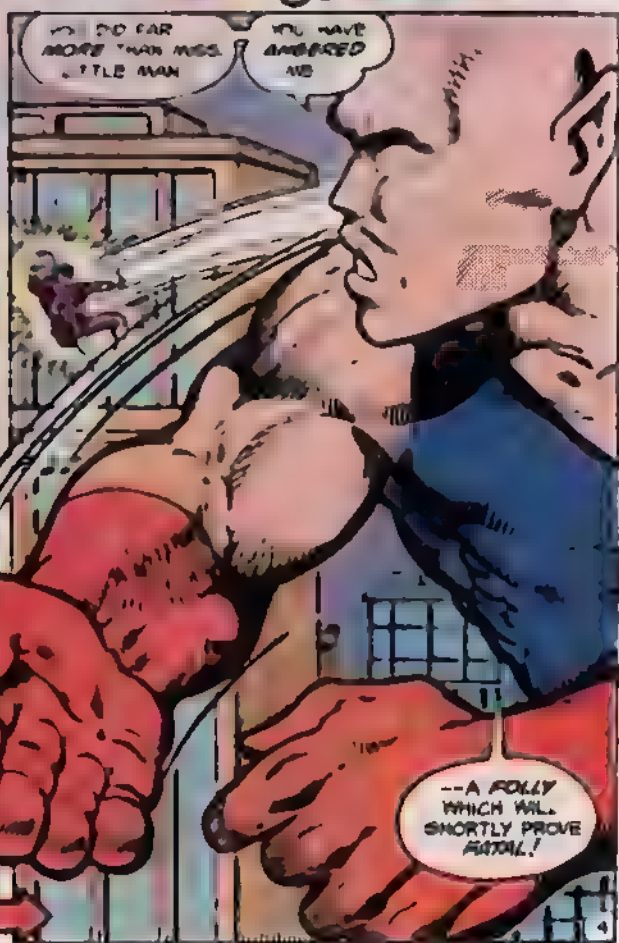
BECAUSE YOU CAN'T--



RED HUNTS ANNUMENTS PRIVE RULES AND ANNUMENTS, LATER A PARACHUTED ROCKY BEARS FLIGHTS FORWARD.

TOWARD THE BATTLE WITH BATES BELOW!

BUDDY, I CAN AND I WILL.



WE DO FAR MORE THAN MISS LITTLE MAN.

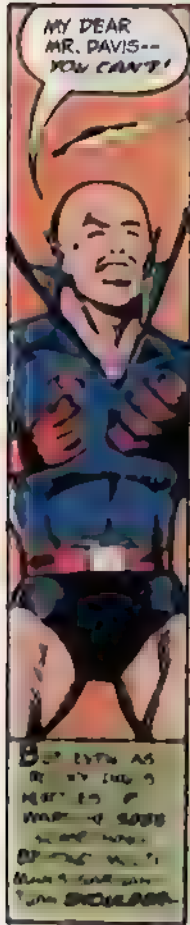
YOU HAVE AMBERED ME.

THOUGH HE'S NOT AN OVERLY BRILLIANT MAN, ROCKY IS AN UNDERSTANDING NEGATIVE, EVEN SO, HE'LL BE A REASON TO FLEE.

ANOTHER CHALLENGER?

NUTS! I MISSED!

--A FOLLY WHICH WILL SHORTLY PROVE FATAL!



FRACTIONS OF A SECOND: IN MULTI-MAN'S UNDERSEA DOME, PROF HALEY HAS SUCCEEDED IN SHORT-CIRCUITING THE DOME'S POWER SUPPLY*--

--AND THE BEAM OF BROADCAST ENERGY WHICH HAS POWERED MULTI-MAN IS ABRUPTLY CUT OFF!--



FRACTIONS OF A SECOND, HERE AND THERE: WITHOUT POWER, MULTI-MAN CANNOT TELEPORT--

-- AND WITHOUT POWER HE CAN NO LONGER REMAIN GIGANTIC OR INVINCIBLE!

*SEE PAGE 12, PANEL 7.
--JACK

FRACTIONS OF A SECOND: ACE MORGAN SEES THE BEGINNING OF MULTI-MAN'S CHANGE, BUT IS UNABLE TO ALTER HIS JET'S DIRECTION...



STARTLING SECONDS LATER ...

I-I DIED AGAIN-- AND RETURNED--! B-BUT I'M NORMAL! NO POWERS LEFT!



YOU SAID IT, HAS-BEEN!



AND SO BECAUSE OF COINCIDENCE (OR POSSIBLY FATE)--

--MULTI-MAN DIES!

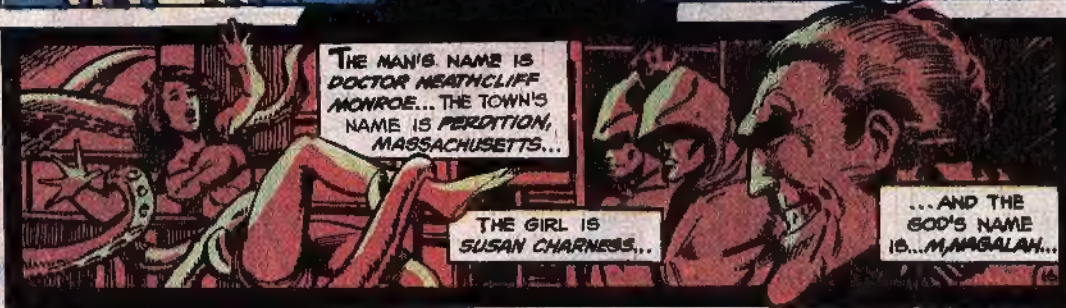
--OR DOES HE--?

ELSEWHERE

THE MAN'S NAME IS DOCTOR MEATHCLIFF MONROE... THE TOWN'S NAME IS PERDITION, MASSACHUSETTS...

THE GIRL IS SUSAN CHARNES...

...AND THE GOD'S NAME IS...MANGALAH...



CONCLUDED ON 3rd PAGE FOLLOWING

IT IS NOW THREE HOURS LATER... AND AFTER DEPOSITING THE VERY HUMAN DUNCAN PRAMBLE IN JAIL... ALL THE CHALLENGERS HAVE RETURNED TO CHALLENGER MOUNTAIN, WHERE THEY DISEMBARK, EXPRESSIONS GRIM AND PREOCCUPIED...



YOU'VE ALL BEEN PLAYED FOR FOOLS!



ONE OF YOU GREAT HEROES IS A DYING MAN--

--ONLY HE'S TOO MUCH A COWARD TO ADMIT IT!

CLAYBORNE, SHUT UP...

...WE ALREADY KNOW--



--PROF IS DYING!

HE COLLAPSED IN PRAMBLE'S DOME... NOW HE'S RUNNING A FEVER!

WE'LL GET THE BEST DOCTORS IN THE WORLD FOR HIM!

IF NECESSARY, WE'LL EVEN CONTACT S.T.A.R. LABS*--

FORGET IT, MORGAN! ONLY ONE MAN CAN HELP HALEY!

*SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCED RESEARCH. -- JACK.



CLAYBORNE, IF YOU KNOW SOMETHING, SPILL IT--

--OR I SWEAR I'LL BREAK YOU APART!

I-I RAN HALEY'S MEDICAL REPORT THROUGH YOUR COMPUTER...

IT CAME UP WITH THIS... THE ONE DOCTOR WHO CAN SAVE HIS LIFE...

HERE, READ IT...

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They did it! Yes, the legendary **CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN**, who have faced the mysterious and dangerous for twenty years, finally conquered the most devastating challenge of all—and they won! **RED RYAN**, **ROCKY DAVIS**, **PROF. HALEY** and **ACE MORGAN** met the challenge of **NON-EXISTENCE** and beat it out! After a four issue run in our try-out magazine of years ago (**SHOWCASE**), a long run in their own comic, and a short reprint run, The **CHALLENGERS** seemed doomed to live only in the memories of those fans who thrilled to their daring adventures. But then, after a successful three-issue appearance in **SUPER-TEAM FAMILY**, this world-renowned team returns to their very own action-packed comic! And this is only the beginning! Be with us every 60 days when these four men who live on borrowed time face the unknown wonders and terrors in the world of the occult, the far-flung future and the misty past! We have **YOU** to thank for making the revival of the **CHALLENGERS** possible. Stick with us and you'll learn that anything **ELSE** is possible too!

Since this is the "first" issue of the new **CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN**, we, of course, have no letters on their own book. However, we did hear from quite a few of you concerning the **SFT** appearances of our four heroes. So, without further ado, let's see what you had to say:

Dear Editor,

At last **SUPER TEAM FAMILY** has new material back in it! And what great material it is! This issue (#8) was everything I expected it to be and more!

First of all, we have the return of the **Challengers of the Unknown**. Though I read of them in reprints, I always wondered why they were revived sooner. This team has great potential, mainly because it seems fear is unknown to them.

The art on this story was superb. Jim Sherman's great layouts suited the script perfectly and Jack Abel's inks did the rest.

Having the **Challengers** tackle the mystery of the Bermuda Triangle was a very good idea. In future issues, how about having them face other unsolved mysteries like the legend of Big Foot or the Loch Ness Monster. I would also like to see **Multi-Man** again. I felt he was one of the best foes the **Challengers** ever battled when I saw him reprinted in a **BRAVE AND THE BOLD** a while back.

Secondly, I also enjoyed **The Doom Patrol** adventure immensely. This great team must return! Please try it soon. A team-up with **Batman** in **BRAVE AND THE BOLD** would be a perfect way to see if the **DP** is still popular.

I'll wait anxiously until the next issue—keep up the good work!

Ian Nicol

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We'll keep up the good work, Ian, but, as you've probably already noticed, we won't be working on **SUPER-TEAM FAMILY**. **SFT** is going into overhaul and will now feature a new-material lead feature with a team-up a different pair of DC heroes (or heroines) in each issue! Our efforts will still be at full throttle here at **COTU**, so stay with us.

We're glad you enjoy Jim Sherman's art! We do too, and we'll take this moment to wish him well on his work on **SUPERBOY AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES**. Since that book is now monthly, Jim could not continue on the **CHALLENGERS**. So, we latched onto another talented newcomer, Mike Nasser, as our powerful penciler. What do you think of **HIS** work?

Your request for **Multi-Man** was filled in the **CHALLENGERS'** last **SFT** appearance and continues here. We **MAY** or **MAY NOT** have seen the last of this metamorphic villain. Only time will tell.

As for the **DOOM PATROL**? We'll keep it to ourselves for now!—JCH

Dear Editor,

"The Devil's Paradise" was a very well written, well drawn story. The **Challengers** were never better, and this story showed them at their best!

The script brought up an interesting subject. There has been a lot of speculation about the Bermuda Triangle lately. Your idea of what happens there was very thought-provoking. **BT** is a very strange and mysterious place, fitting for the **Challengers'** tastes.

The art was excellent. Jim Sherman and Jack Abel make a very creative team. There was a lot of action throughout the story and, even more surprising, President Ford and Henry Kissinger really looked like themselves!

It was good to see **Jane Robbins** again. Is she going to be a regular in the series? How about bringing back **Corinna Stark**? I really liked her because she brought more excitement into the group, concerning the occult and supernatural.

I hear the **Challengers** will be getting their own mag back, hence leaving the lead feature in **SFT**. If you get a new art team for the book, why not **Bob Brown**? What better artist for the **Challengers** than the one who brought them to fame?

Mike Younger

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Bob Brown is hard at work on his **NEW** feature (new for him, that is)—**WONDER WOMAN**! We wish him well in that endeavor. At this time, we don't know if **Corinna Stark** will return, but the occult **WILL**! We're going to be experimenting with different themes for the **CHALLENGERS**, from supernatural to science-fiction. We'd like for you to tell us what theme and what direction **YOU** like best for the **CHALLENGERS**. We're awaiting your comments. Send them to: **CHALLENGER MOUNTAIN MAIL ROOM**, DC Comics, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10019. Do it today!

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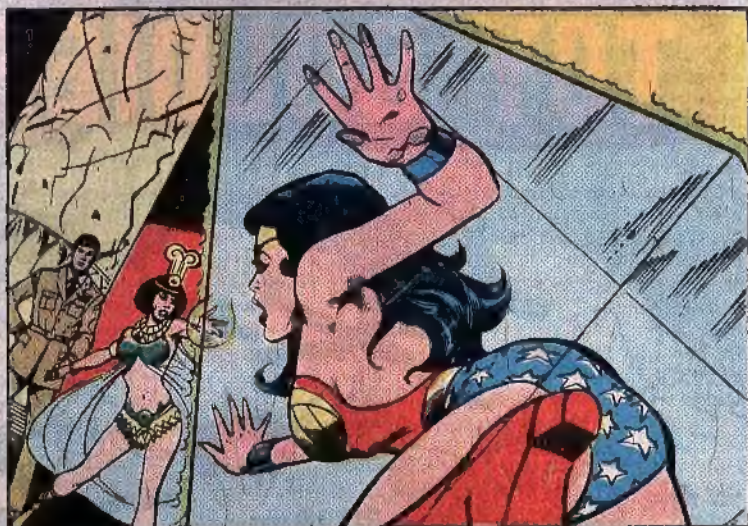
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JUSTICE SOCIETY AIDS WONDER WOMAN IN BATTLE AGAINST GODDESS

(Egypt, World War II)—Awakened from centuries-long sleep by a tank battle in the African desert, *Osira*, goddess from the stars, has set out to restore peace to the world! And her chief opponent, believe it or not, is *Wonder Woman*!

The Amazing Amazon is opposed to enforced peace and is determined to free mankind from *Osira*'s domination! But to make matters worse, the goddess has chosen a man to be her mate, the king of the world, and that lucky (?) gent is none other than *Steve Trevor*!

How can *Wonder Woman* possibly stop this mad scheme, especially when her fellow *Justice Society* members (*Sandman*, *The Atom*, *Sterman*, *Mr. Terrific* and *Johnny Thunder*) are helpless victims of *Osira*. The answers will startle you in this Marty Pasko/Mike Naaser/Vince Colletta chiller in *WONDER WOMAN* #232, on sale the week of March 28th.



FLASH AND SUPERGIRL HEADLINE IN SUPER-TEAM FAMILY

(Central City)—You demanded new team-up adventures of the DC super-stars and we are happy to deliver! *SUPER-TEAM FAMILY* #11 is the first in a new series of collaborative efforts of our galaxy of stars and *The Flash* and *Supergirl* headline this first story.

But don't expect things to be easy for the Maid of Might and the Scarlet Speedster. The *Justice League*'s old enemy, *T.O. Morrow* is back in business and this time he's planning to throw our heroes into "The Other Side of Doomsday!"

Also on hand this time around is *The Atom*, who will be popping up regularly for the next few issues thanks to Gerry Conway, Alan Weiss and Joe Rubinstein. It's a new beginning that you won't want to miss in *SUPER-TEAM FAMILY* #11, on sale the week of March 28th.

Colletta.

WARLORD #7—Travis Morgan is back in Skartaris, but where is Tara? Find out in this all-Mike Grell adventure!

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ACROSS: 1. *The Batman*. 8. What you do with a comic book. 9. Jay Garrick. 11. Blend. 12. OUR ARMY _____ WAR. 13. Deadly snake. 14. Wayne _____. 16. Paradise. 18. Author Eliot. 20. Barry Allen's occupation. 23. _____-ego. 24. Atop. 25. Writer David V. 26. The Clown Prince of Crime. 27. Actor Byrnes. 28. *Superman* and Jimmy.

DOWN: 1. Bruce Wayne. 2. DC mystery title. 3. Sea snake. 4. Criminal fire. 5. Yes (var.) 6. Continent (abbrev.) 7. What Schwartz does. 10. Mate of hers. 14. Slight. 15. Girl's name. 17. Passed on. 19. Tale. 20. Snow vehicle. 21. Hammer or saw. 22. What Tex does. 23. Plural "is". 26. DC Production Manager's monogram.

Solution in next week's *PLANET*!



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ACTION COMICS #472—*Superman* is plagued by the "Phantom Touch of Death" by Cary Bates, Curt Swan and Tex Blaisdell; and *Steve Lombard* asks the curious question, "If I'm Here, What Am I Doing Over There?" by Bill Kunkel, John Calnan and Blaisdell.

DETECTIVE COMICS #470—*The Batman* must turn against Gotham City to combat the "Master Plan of Dr. Phosphorus" by Steve Englehart, Walt Simonson and Al Milgrom.

GREEN LANTERN #95—*Green Lantern's* deathly ill, but can his fellow ring-slinger John Stewart get him to Oa in time? Plus: *Green Arrow* is ordered to assassinate the president in "Terminal for a Tragedy" by Denny O'Neill, Mike Grell and Vince